

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

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Claim 1-9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (currently amended): A purified preparation of Streptomyces griseus trypsin (SGT) ~~SGT~~ having a specific activity of at least about  $25 \times 10^3$  ~~U/mg~~ U/mg protein and a purity of at least 95% and further comprising arginine.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The preparation of purified SGT according to claim 10, ~~comprising wherein said arginine in~~ has a concentration of at least about 0.5 M ~~and having a purity of at least 95%.~~

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Claim 12 (currently amended): ~~The preparation according to claim 10~~ A purified preparation of Streptomyces griseus trypsin (SGT) having a specific activity of at least about  $25 \times 10^3$  U/mg protein and a purity of at least 95%, wherein said preparation is obtained by the a method comprising contacting said ~~Pronase~~ PRONASE protease with an immobilized affinity moiety selected from the group consisting of an amidine, a guanidine, or amine containing species and eluting said SGT selectively from said immobilized affinity moiety with an eluant comprising an eluting agent selected from the group consisting of an amidine, a guanidine, or an amine containing species.

Claim 13-26 (canceled).

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